

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-5, 10-11, 13-19, and 22-25.

Please cancel claims 27-42 without prejudice to filing a divisional application.

Please add new claims 43-58.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A travel and credit card data management method for use with multiple real time corporate travel and credit card electronic data sources involving multiple business units and multiple travelers, for use with travelers, management, and suppliers of particular business units, comprising the steps of:

receiving travel and credit card electronic data from the multiple electronic data sources with a computer processor;

consolidating the electronic data from the sources with said processor; and

identifying a portion of the consolidated electronic data that a user is entitled to receive;
and

supplying said portion of consolidated data to said user with said processor ~~relevant to at least some of the travelers, management and suppliers of the at least one of the business units;~~

wherein said step of supplying of data including supplying analysis of travel spending.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the steps of ~~having the suppliers operate with different travel and protocols wherein said~~ consolidating and supplying occur ~~occurs~~ substantially simultaneously.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said portion of said consolidated electronic data ~~supplying~~ further includes data for travel issues.

4. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said portion of said consolidated electronic data ~~supplying~~ further includes data for contract/audit issues.

5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said ~~consolidating from the~~ sources include ~~from~~ one or more corporate card providers, travel agency service providers, and ancillary travel service providers.

6. (original) The method of claim 5, wherein service providers include travel agency booking offices.

7. (original) The method of claim 5, wherein corporate card providers include corporate card data sources.

8. (original) The method of claim 5, wherein service providers include online booking sources.

9. (original) The method of claim 5, wherein ancillary travel services include at least one of ground transportation services, security specialists, and travel benchmarking information.

10. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said steps of consolidating and receiving are is done substantially simultaneously. ~~in real time, “real time” meaning “as the transaction occurs.”~~

11. (currently amended) The method of claim 10, wherein said step of supplying occurring ~~occurs~~ substantially simultaneously with said steps of consolidating and receiving on a ~~on a~~ real time basis.

12. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said supplying is performed through a display available to at least one of the business units.

13. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of supplying is through a display having multiple ~~is in easily manipulated~~ formats.

14. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of supplying ~~of consolidated data~~ indicates the travelers who have potentially deviated from a ~~the~~ policy of a ~~the~~ business unit.

15. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of supplying of consolidated data ~~highlights~~ includes pricing errors.

16. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of supplying ~~of consolidated data~~ indicates any traveler who has deviated from the planned itinerary of the traveler.

17. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of supplying ~~of consolidated data~~ enhances ~~automates the~~ travel budget planning.

18. (currently amended) The method of claim 17, wherein said step of supplying ~~of consolidated data~~ identifies at least one of new destinations, pretravel approvals, policy exceptions of all travelers, real time tracking of expenditures, requirements for supplier contracts and analysis relative to the current travel, performance measurement, and individual information of a specific traveler.

19. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said supplying is performed through one or more computer networks formed by at least one business unit and at least some of each of the travelers, management and suppliers, and wherein the suppliers include credit card companies.

20. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of supplying includes the step of sorting the data.

21. (original) The method of claim 20, wherein said step of supplying includes the step of aggregating the data.

22. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of supplying ~~of the data~~ includes determining rights to review the data.

23. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising ~~wherein there is included~~ the step of:

calculating real time metrics from said consolidated electronic ~~the~~ data.

24. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising ~~wherein there is further included~~ the step of:

initiating travel transactions.

25. (currently amended) The method of claim 24, wherein said step of initiating travel ~~of~~ transactions originates from a display unit used for said step of supplying ~~consolidated~~ data.

26. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the suppliers include at least one of any GDSs, travel agencies, credit card companies, and alternate travel data sources.

27.-42. (cancelled)

43. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of receiving includes receiving travel and credit card electronic data in different protocols and formats.

44. (new) The method of claim 43, wherein said electronic data is translated into a common protocol during the step of consolidating.

45. (new) The method of claim 44, wherein said common protocol is formatted in XML.

46. (new) The method of claim 45, wherein said step of consolidating includes using a parsing engine.

47. (new) The method of claim 46, wherein said parsing engine using a database of grammar files during the step of consolidating.

48. (new) A computer based travel and credit card data management method, comprising the steps of:

receiving travel and credit card data in electronic form in different protocols from more than one electronic data source with a computer processor;

integrating said electronic data with said processor into a common protocol; and

analyzing said electronic data with said processor.

49. (new) The method of claim 48, further comprising the step of:
identifying a portion of said integrated electronic data that a computer user is entitled to review.

50. (new) The method of claim 49, further comprising the step of:
communicating said portion of said data with said processor to said computer user.

51. (new) The method of claim 48, further comprising the steps of:
receiving travel and credit card data in electronic form in different formats from more than one electronic data source with said computer processor; and
integrating said electronic data in different formats with said processor into said common protocol.

52. (new) The method of claim 48, wherein said common protocol is formatted in XML.

53. (new) The method of claim 48, wherein the step on integrating includes said processor using a parsing engine.

54. (new) The method of claim 53, wherein said parsing engine using a database of grammar files.

55. (new) The method of claim 48, wherein said step of analyzing is for travel spending.

56. (new) The method of claim 48, wherein said steps of receiving, integrating, and analyzing are performed substantially at the same time.

57. (new) The method of claim 48, wherein said travel and credit card data including data from one or more corporate card providers, travel agency service providers, and ancillary travel service providers during the step of receiving.

58. (new) The method of claim 48, further comprising the step of:
displaying said integrated electronic data on a screen in more than one format.